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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: US V. GIUSEPPE GAGLIO ET AL

REF: STATE 133350

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IRS ROME REP WILLIAM MCCARTER IS CONTACTING IRS NEW YORK TO DISCUSS DETAILS AND PROBLEMS OF IMPENDING PALERMO VISIT OF RICHARD APPLEBY AND PARTY. WE HAVE NO CURRENT FILE ON GAGLIO CASE AND DO NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF WITNESSES.

2. AS ONE OF OUR THREE CONSULAR OFFICERS IS AWAY FROM POST ON WEEK'S LEAVE UNTIL JUNE 1 AND AS WE ARE NOW IN MIDST OF BUSIEST MONTHS OF YEAR WE ARE UNABLE ARRANGE FOR DEPOSITION EARLY NEXT WEEK. CONGEN IS CLOSED ON MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY. WE ANTICIPATE DEPOSITION COULD BEGIN AFTERNOON MAY 31. CONGEN HOURS ARE FROM 8:30 TO 13:30 AND FROM 15:00 TO 18:00.

3. RESERVATIONS FRO THREE SINGLES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR APPLEBY, MARLOW AND BARBELLA FOR MAY 28 THROUGH JUNE 2 AT POLITEAMA HOTEL, PIAZZA RUGGERO SETTIMO 15, TEL. 091-322777, IN CENTER OF PALERMO. DAILY RATE IS 20,000 LIRE, APPROXIMATELY 23 DOLS. HOTEL IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF ALITALIA AIR TERMINAL. THERE IS NO HOTEL CLOSE TO CONGEN. ROOMS ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FOR MAY 27. IF ALL THREE DO NOT ARRIVE MAY 28, HOTEL SHOULD THEN BE INFORMED
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OF OTHER ARRIVAL DATES.

4. WE ASSUME APPLEBY PLANS CHOOSE INTERPRETER AND REACH AGREEMENT REGARDING FEES SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL. PROF. BALDASSARE ROSOLIA, PIAZZA DEODORO SICULO 16, TEL. 296807, WHO IS EXPERIENCED AND RECOGNIZED BY THE PALERMO COURT AS AN INTERPRETER, MAY BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST. GIVEN EXTREMELY BRIEF NOTIFICATION, WE CANNOT CONFIRM

THAT HE IS FREE BEFORE REPLYING TO REFTEL. WE WILL BE CONTACTING
PROF. ROSOLIA LATE MAY AND SUGGEST THAT APPLEBY TELEPHONE HIM
MAY 29. CONGEN LIST TRANSLATORS CONTAINS NAMES OF SIX PERSONS,
INCLUDING ROSOLIA, RECOGNIZED BY PALERMO COURT.

5. CONGEN DUTY OFFICER MAY 27-29 WEEKEND IS FSO RONALD KIRKPATRICK
TEL. 50-22-23. HE WILL HAVE MOST RECENT INFORMATION ABOUT ARRANGE-
MENTS MADE. CONSUL ROGER J. DALEY WILL BE OFFICER WHO WILL TAKE
DEPOSITION. COLLINS

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